

WHEELER'S RIGHT TO A HOUSE SEAT.

Will Make the Issue as Soon as His Resignation Is Accepted.

EXPECTS FAVORABLE RESULT.

Matter Will Be Decided by the House, Not by the Speaker—Reports to General Corbin.

Washington, March 16.—General Joe Wheeler served in this city this morning from Atlanta, Ga. He had an interview in a private room with General Corbin.

General Wheeler called at the War Department, where he was received.

In the absence of Secretary Root he waited formally in Adjutant General's Office, thus complying with the order from the department, which brought him from Manila to Washington.

The General was in the uniform of a Brigadier General of the volunteer army. He looked the picture of health, better than when he left Washington for Manila. He gave General Corbin a brief description of the conditions in Luzon when he left there. He insisted that the war was over and that nothing more was to be done except to run down a few guerrillas and irregulars. There was difficulty in this work, he said, and there was danger, too, but its prosecution was not "war." Ambuscades were frequent and annoying and it was not easy to tell whether the hidden force was strong or weak; three men had been mistaken for a company, in some cases.

The General said that the American troops are doing splendid work there. They are sound and healthy, and in quite as good shape as they would be at home, engaged in similar service. This was owing in a measure to the excellent care for their men exhibited by officers and to the watchful precautions of the staff of the army.

General Wheeler said that as soon as his resignation is accepted he will return to the South, where he might be some delay, owing to the reference of his case to the Committee on Elections.

At the conclusion of his interview with Corbin, General Wheeler went directly over to the White House, his purpose being to secure speedy action upon his resignation. He said that such action has been withheld by the President, who is awaiting General Wheeler's traveling expenses and per diem up to the moment of his arrival in Washington.

PROPOSED SHIP CANAL. *Approved for an Appropriation.*

Washington, March 16.—Representatives of the Chicago Sanitary Board were at the Capitol today and presented to the Senate and House a memorial favoring the construction by the United States Government of a deep waterway from Lake Michigan via the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal and the Des Plaines and Illinois rivers to the Mississippi River.

Former Senator George McNamee of Chicago, who was in the party, stated that the memorial will be followed by a bill or resolution for a survey and estimate of the project.

Senator Cullom of Illinois later presented the memorial in the Senate. It asks for a channel fourteen feet deep, 300 feet wide, and 100 miles long connecting the two parts of the proposed waterway as part of the proposition saying that "benefits conferring inestimable benefits upon commerce, navigation and the public interest."

The canal, on such a scale, is proposed extending from Lockport to the Mississippi River, is estimated at \$2,000,000.

ANTI-TRUST LEGISLATION.

Republican Plan to Submit Constitutional Amendment.

Washington, March 16.—The Republican leaders in the House have laid the foundation for the position of their party in the approaching campaign in reference to the trust question.

They do not propose to enact any legislation.

Their programme is simply to pass an amendment to the Constitution giving Congress power to deal with trusts. This amendment will have to be referred to the League of the Republicans, who will be entirely indefinite when the campaign is being fought next fall, but the Republicans will point to it as evidence of their desire to trust.

General Muller said that until the Congress has done its duty and that attitude action rests with the States.

To meet a number of interesting sounding actions Chairman Hall appointed a subcommittee of the judiciary. The work of framing the bill will be confined to Republians, he said, and the committee, Mr. May says that the committee will proceed at once with its work, but his statement is not even so far as members of his own party.

MORE PAY FOR MAIL CARRIERS.

Bills Introduced to Provide for a General Increase.

Washington, March 16.—Mr. Lorimer of Illinois to-day introduced a bill providing for a general increase of the pay of letter carriers. It provides that after June 30 the pay of all carriers will be increased as follows:

All letter carriers who have served as regular carriers for a period of three years or over shall receive \$1.00 per annum.

All letter carriers who have served as regular carriers for a period of two years or over shall receive \$1.00 per annum.

All letter carriers who have served a period of one year or over shall receive \$1.00 per annum.

All who are or may be appointed to the regular service shall receive \$600 per annum.

NATIONAL BANKS CHARTERED.

Washington, March 16.—Applications for authority to organize national banks have been filed with the following:

The First National Bank of Hennepin, Okla., capital \$300,000; banks sent to M. W. Chapman, St. Louis.

The First National Bank of Assumption, Ill., capital \$300,000; banks sent to A. H. Corning, Assumption.

The First National Bank of St. Paul, Minn., capital \$250,000; banks sent to Warren Coggin, St. Paul.

The First National Bank of Dayton, Ind., capital \$300,000; banks sent to D. W. Edwards, Dayton, Ind.

The First National Bank of Montpelier, Vt., capital \$300,000; banks sent to C. Q. Shull, Montpelier.

Application to convert the State Bank of Carrollton, Ga., to the First National Bank of Carroll with a capital of \$900,000 was also approved.

TWO PUPILS HAVE SMALLPOX.

Advisability of Closing a School Being Considered.

Health Commissioner Starkloff yesterday discovered that two pupils of the Humboldt School had been exposed to smallpox and that they had been attending school during that interval. The two children are now under surveillance and if the disease develops in either of them the school will never again make an effort to close the school.

A girl named Katie Fischer, living with her parents, and six other children, No. 202½, 20th Street, who was found to be suffering with chickenpox, was found to have Lawrence. Doctor Starkloff had her sent to quarantine and her parents and the other children were isolated in ward at the old City Hospital. Two of these children had been attending the Humboldt School.

Doctor Starkloff will obtain an opinion

CANADIANS' BAPTISM OF FIRE.



The Canadian volunteers were first under fire on February 18, taking part in the pursuit of Cronje, toward whose capture they did so much when the "South African lion" was at bay in his lair. The reports state that although the Canadians were green troops they behaved like veterans and distinguished themselves by their bravery. Since then they have added many to these their first laurels.

NEW MONETARY ACT HAS NOT AFFECTED BUSINESS.

MOVEMENT OF GRAIN DECIDED EDLY SMALL.

Wheat, However, Jumped Up 1 1/2 Cents and Corn 2 1/2 Cents for the Week.

FATHER DONOVAN RECOVERING.

His Sister's Condition Upset His Nerves.

The condition of Father Jeremiah Donovan, who is a patient at the City Hospital, suffering from acute nervousness, brought on by alcoholism, was considerably improved last night. He was willing to talk and tell a Republic reporter that he had come to St. Louis from Peoria, Ill., for the purpose of visiting the sister, Mrs. Agnes J. Murphy, who had been taken to the hospital. The physician treating Murphy said that the symptoms he exhibits are rarely met with entirely recovered within weeks against him. Even after an apparent cure in cases of this kind, the patient may after years have a relapse.

Before long he occupied a position as assistant to a carpenter and worked with him for several weeks.

About two weeks ago his mind began to show signs of clearing. He would appear to the relatives that he was improving, but he developed fits of rage and soon became violent. It was on account of his fits that his wife and two young sons, his friends had him taken to the hospital. The physician treating Murphy said that the symptoms he exhibits are rarely met with entirely recovered within weeks against him. Even after an apparent cure in cases of this kind, the patient may after years have a relapse.

He was generally improved by those who heard the testimony that a longer term of imprisonment would be given him.

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